



January 2, 2007 - Sharon & Gary dressed appropriately for our early morning bike rides in the cold weather



Trying out our new pasta attachment for the first time





January 16, 2007 - Our first time birding with Ken & Betty Cornelisen



Betty packed a great picnic lunch for us





January 31, 2007
We spent the day with Alexis and visited Berkeley.
Lunch at Chez Panisse (with four desserts) was
a highlight!



February 8, 2007 - Marc & Amanda helped with the pasta making for
an upcoming dinner



February 12, 2007 - We took our bikes to the small town of Reedley for a ride and lunch



February 25, 2007 - Alexis arrived in Clovis with her brand new Scion. We went to Marc and Amanda's home to dedicate their newly remodeled kitchen with a birthday dinner for Sharon.





Amanda is preparing dinner in their new kitchen, which is complete except for the backsplash.





Sharon's wearing her new necklace, made by Alexis and enjoying her penguins and musical "Chicken Dance" card from Marc & Amanda.





February 28, 2007
Gary's working on his newest art project and Sharon & Marc are posing with her new 24 speed Jamis bicycle.



March 5, 2007 - It's spring in Fresno County and we celebrated with a short trip to Kingsburg to start our drive up the Blossom Trail with a Swedish pancake breakfast. You can see the snow covered Sierra Nevadas behind the beautiful pink peach blossoms in the photo below.



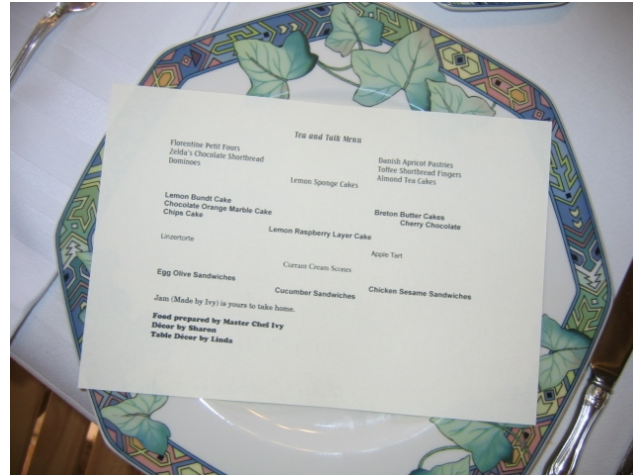


Driving from Kingsburg to Reedley, then Sanger and back to Clovis we saw acres and acres of orchards with peach, nectarine, plum and almond trees in full blossom.



March 10, 2007

"Tea & Talk" at the home of Ivy Darden and Linda Arredondo



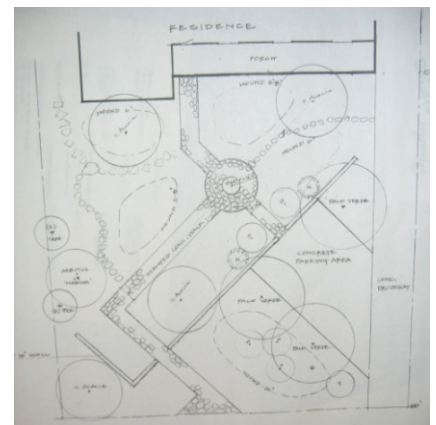
Food prepared by
master chef Ivy
Table decor by Linda
Decor by Sharon





**Linda and Ivy preparing high tea
for Home Gardening**





The plan for Linda & Ivy's new front garden prepared by Jody Palmer



March 12, 2007

Marc joined Sharon & Gary for a bike ride. While Marc is a cyclist, his mom & dad merely ride bikes.



March 18, 2007

Gary, Sharon and Marc (Amanda was out of town) celebrated Alexis' birthday with dinner, a chocolate cake, and presents!



March 12, 2007
Another fun "Beading Bash" with our beading guru and birthday girl Alexis.



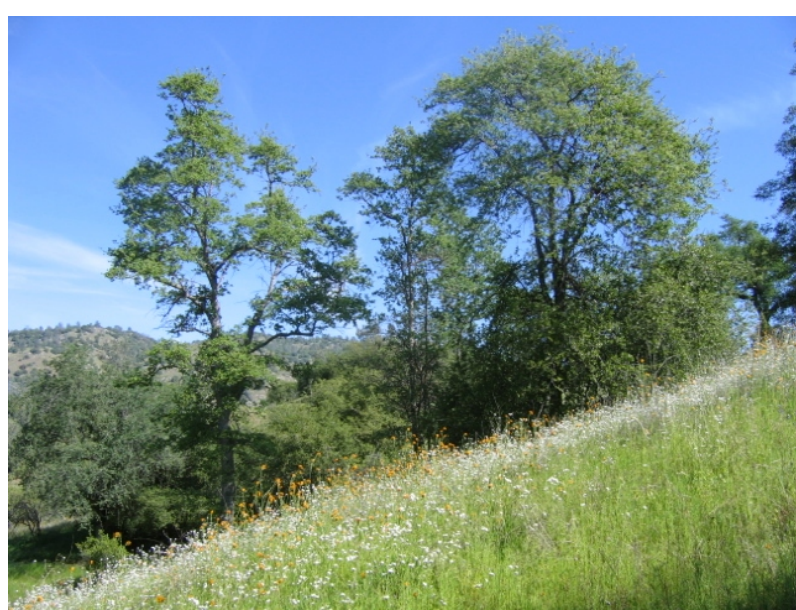


March 28, 2007
Sharon is excavating two new planting beds in her garden. Out with the clay, in with the loam!



March 31, 2007 - Sharon, Catherine & Linda enjoy a wildflower hike in the San Joaquin River Gorge





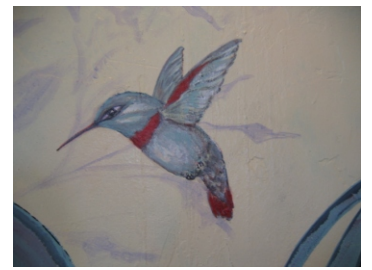
**San Joaquin
River Gorge
in flower**





In February and March 2007, Sharon painted a large mural on the back wall of the piano room.





The completed mural



April 1, 2007
Sharon's garden is looking beautiful for spring



April 2, 2007
Linda, Ivy, Gary & Sharon started their culinary adventures in San Francisco at the Ferry Building, a foodie's paradise! After a provencal lunch at Mistral, we had dessert at Ciao Bella gelato.



Recchiuti - - Sharon's favorite chocolatier



More chocolate at Scharffenberger



Sharon, Ivy and Linda tasted the olive oils at Stonehouse.

Far West Fungi is a store completely devoted to the mushroom!



For dinner on April 2, Alexis joined us for a spectacular Moroccan feast at Aziza, which is only half a block from her flat.



April 3, 2007 - We started off the morning at The Grove. The food was excellent and the decor made us feel like it was the sixties again!

After breakfast we visited the Palace of the Legion of Honor.





The museum visit made us hungry (go figure!) so our next stop was the cute trattoria Stelline. After lunch, we decided on dessert at Citizen Cake, an extraordinary bakery about a block away.



Dessert at Citizen Cake cost almost as much as lunch!



**Alexis joined us again for dinner at
gnocchi heaven - Mescolanza!**



**April 4, 2007 - We ended our
San Francisco trip with
breakfast at the Sqt and
Gobble. Yes, that's really the
name of the restaurant.**



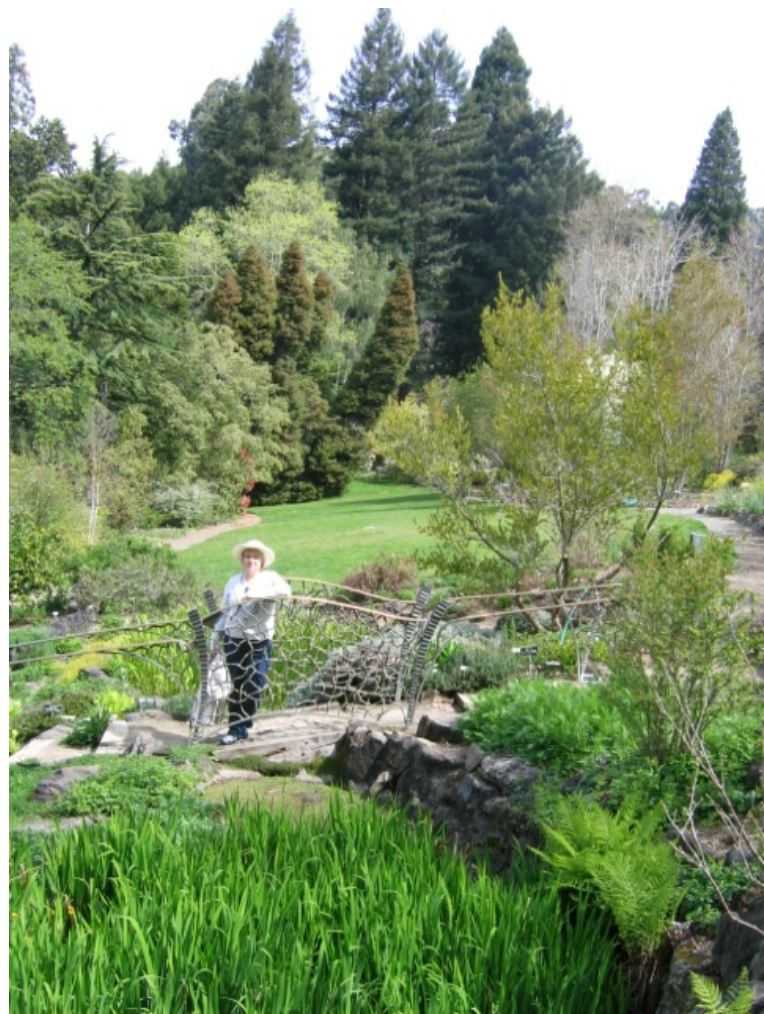
**After breakfast, Sharon
and Gary spent a few
hours visiting the
UC Botanical Garden
on the Berkeley
campus.**





It's full spring in the bay area, and the blossoms at the garden were at their best.





From the highest part of the botanical garden, you can see San Francisco bay with the Golden Gate bridge in the distance.

April 7, 2007 - Decorating eggs for Easter at Marc & Amanda's home



**April 8, 2007
Sharon's sous chef peels carrots for our Easter buffet**



Libby's reaction to Tom's offer of a hug after his 16 mile run



The hunt for Easter baskets gets under way in the front yard





Let's open presents!



Sharon & Alexis
spent most of
Saturday preparing
our Easter Sunday
buffet



The annual Rossi Family
Easter Egg Obstacle Race begins

(Rule #4 was
adopted
specifically
for Gary)



Marc, our primary
obstacle designer,
leads off round one
of the competition



Libby's first attempt
at the egg cannon



Sharon takes
dead-aim with
the egg catapult





Sal demonstrates three perfect misses with the dreaded egg cannon



Bob kneels in desperation, but Gary & Sal use the embarrassing "geezer spoon" on their 2nd rounds



The 2007 Easter Egg Obstacle Race first and last place prize winners are announced!



April 24, 2007

**Gary & Sharon spent the day bicycling
around the valley at Yosemite National Park**



**We detoured around a massive rock slide
on the main road into Yosemite Valley**



**The Ahwahnee Hotel is our
favorite place to have lunch**





**It was 70 and sunny,
the dogwood trees
were in bloom, and
the waterfalls were
full from the
melting snow**



April 15, 2007 - We attended the Cherry Blossom Festival in San Francisco's Japantown near our hotel, the Miyako. We were in SF to attend the Dave Brubeck concert at the Masonic Hall, Gary's birthday gift from Alexis, Marc & Amanda.



April 16, 2007 - On the way home to Clovis, Sharon & Gary stopped in Tracy to visit Erica, Domenick and Cameron. We had brunch at the local IHOP, then visited D's preschool.



**April 26 to May 9, 2007
Sharon painted a small
mural on a wall in
the hallway.**





The completed mural



May 12, 2007
Beading party



Connie and
Bernadette, creating
their first beaded
necklaces at a
luncheon with
Alexis, Amanda,
Marc and Sharon



Voila!





May 13, 2007
Mother's Day



Sharon & Gary took an early morning bike ride.
Alexis, Gary, Amanda and Marc made
dinner. Amanda made her first
hazelnut-caramel-chocolate tort and
Gary made his famous Caesar salad.





Amanda and Marc gave mom a turquoise teapot and decorative butterflies. Alexis created a fantastic necklace and Gary gave Sharon a beautiful pair of gold and silver earrings.



May 21, 2007
Trip to Cambria



After an early lunch at Robin's we visited the shops and galleries.

We visited Cambria Pines Nursery and took a walk by the ocean.





May 19, 2007
Marc installed a fan on the patio



Sharon's front garden in mid-May



May 26, 2007
Opening of the California Piano
temporary store in Atascadero,
San Luis Obispo county



Photos taken in nearby San Luis Obispo
and Morro Bay





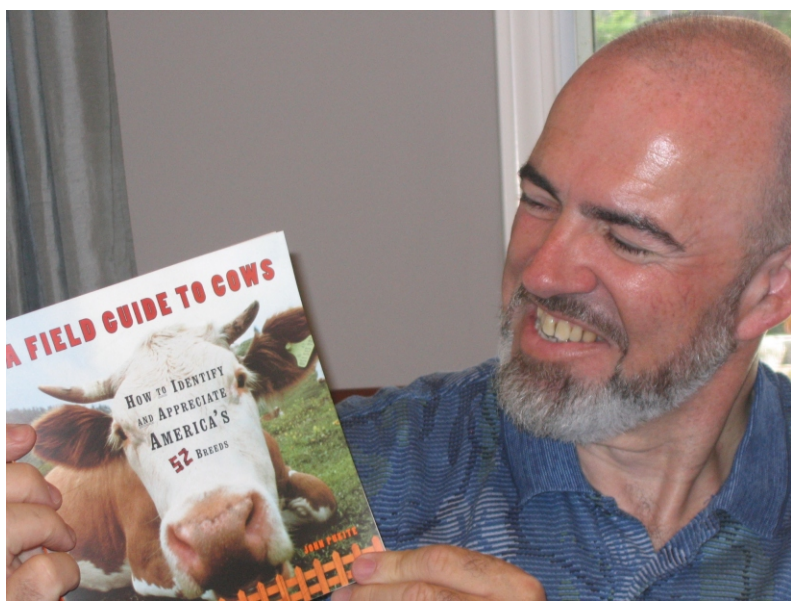
June 5, 2007
The family is admiring Gary's
newly completed art project





June 16, 2007
Marc & Amanda open their
first anniversary gifts
from Alexis, keepsakes
brought home from the
wedding in Italy.

Celebrating Father's Day
with the kiddos



June 16, 2007

Gary played a concert for his digital piano students in the Clovis store.



June 17, 2007

Celebrating Father's Day at Marc & Amanda's house with Matt May and the Seng family.



We met the newest member of the Seng family, Declan Danger Seng.



Atticus enjoyed swimming and flying



June 19, 2007
Gary & Sharon spent the day hiking and
picnicking in Kings Canyon National Park



During our idyllic lunch by the Kings
River, we were joined by several
jays waiting for a handout.



We hiked around Zumwalt Meadow while enjoying the views of the cliffs of Kings Canyon.



On the way home, we picked up fresh picked plums and nectarines at Gary's favorite farm stand.



**June 30, 2007
“Name That Tune” party**



**“The Harmonies” team:
Jack, Bernadette, Vivian,
Dwayne, Denise, Ron
and Catherine**

**“The Melodies” team:
Connie, An, Linda, Alexis,
Rich, Sal and Ken**





Each team tried to be the first to “Name That Tune” after Gary starting playing a song.



It was very close, but “The Melodies” were the winning team!



Melodies	Harmonies
1. [Handwritten notes]	1. [Handwritten notes]
2. [Handwritten notes]	2. [Handwritten notes]
3. [Handwritten notes]	3. [Handwritten notes]
4. [Handwritten notes]	4. [Handwritten notes]
5. [Handwritten notes]	5. [Handwritten notes]
6. [Handwritten notes]	6. [Handwritten notes]
7. [Handwritten notes]	7. [Handwritten notes]
8. [Handwritten notes]	8. [Handwritten notes]
9. [Handwritten notes]	9. [Handwritten notes]
10. [Handwritten notes]	10. [Handwritten notes]



**July 4, 2007
Sharon's garden on the
4th of July**



Watercolor painting by Sharon



July 27, 2007
Setting up for "Celebrating A Taste of Clovis",
fund raiser for the Clovis Botanical Garden



Event planner
Betty Goertzen &
event chairperson
Nancy Crossfield
directing set-up
at the Earl & Muriel
Smittcamp
residence

Sharon was sponsorship
chairperson for this event



July 28, 2007
“Celebrating A Taste of Clovis” fund
raising event benefitting the Clovis
Botanical Garden



Sheron Schiller, registration & mailing chairperson



Deb Everson-Borofka, restaurant chairperson

Anne Clemons and
Georgia Porcella
were chairpersons
of the silent and
live auctions



Alexis dressed
in theme with
butterflies and
flowers



Gary played during cocktails





**Nancy Crossfield and CBG president Nelda Lewis welcoming the guests.
Nancy presented Betty with a "Thank You" bouquet.**

John Wallace and Bill McEwen, auctioneers



We danced to the Joe Lenigan Big Band



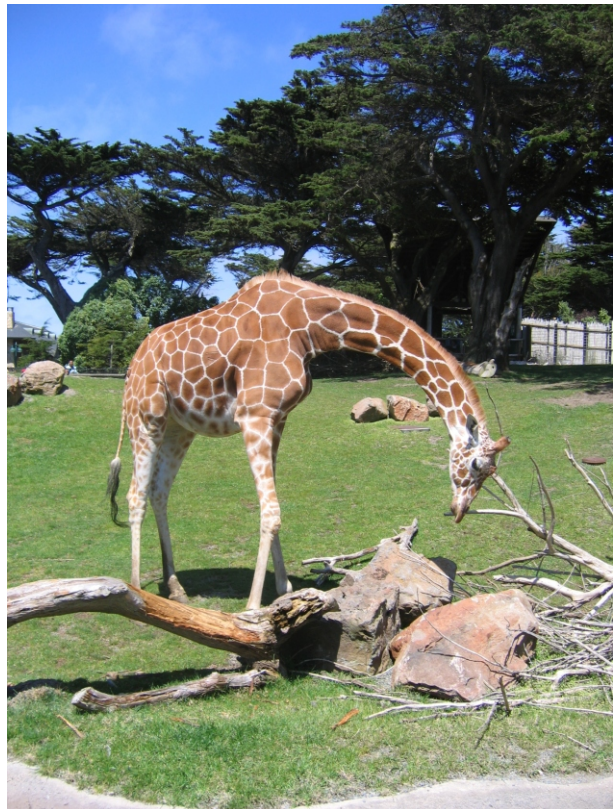


July 29, 2007
 "Beading Bash" at Sharon's
 house led by our beading
 mentor, Alexis



August 13, 2007

Alexis played hooky from work and we visited the San Francisco Zoo following lunch in the Hayes Valley neighborhood



**Shhhh!
Do Not Disturb
The Animals**



**The highlight of our zoo trip was
our very close encounter with
twin sister grizzly bears**



**August 14, 2007
View of the Bay Bridge
from the SF Ferry
Building where we
visited the Farmer's
Market and gourmet
food shops**



**Enjoying traditional
Chinese tea at the
Imperial Tea Court**



Chocolates at Recchiuti – the best!





We visited shops in the Haight-Ashbury and Cole Valley neighborhoods



August 27, 2007
Sharon pieced the front of a "Peace" quilt for Christmas



September 6, 2007 - Gary spent the morning at Ken Shinkawa's grape harvest. His new picking machine deposits the grapes to the hopper behind the tractor. The





September 15, 2007 - Alexis, Marc, Amanda and Sharon are making Fimo clay beads

September 16, 2007 - Nick & Bettie visited us at our home in Clovis



Nick & Bettie gave us a beautiful Italian platter, then we dined at Parma, our favorite Italian restaurant





**September 17
We drove to
Sequoia
National Park ...**



**... and climbed up
the precarious
switchback
staircase to the
Buck Rock
fire lookout**





The fire ranger welcomes visitors to her 12X12 fire lookout (and residence!)



We walked around Grant Grove through the giant redwoods. The General Grant tree is the third largest tree in the world.





September 18, 2007 - We visited Erica, Domenick and Cameron at their home in Tracy, then visited Domenick's kindergarten classroom.



**September 22, 2007
Gary made fresh pasta for dinner guests
Ivy & Linda**



October 22, 2007
We spent the day visiting Alexis and
Scarlet in San Francisco



Most of the afternoon
was spent exploring
San Francisco's
Chinatown

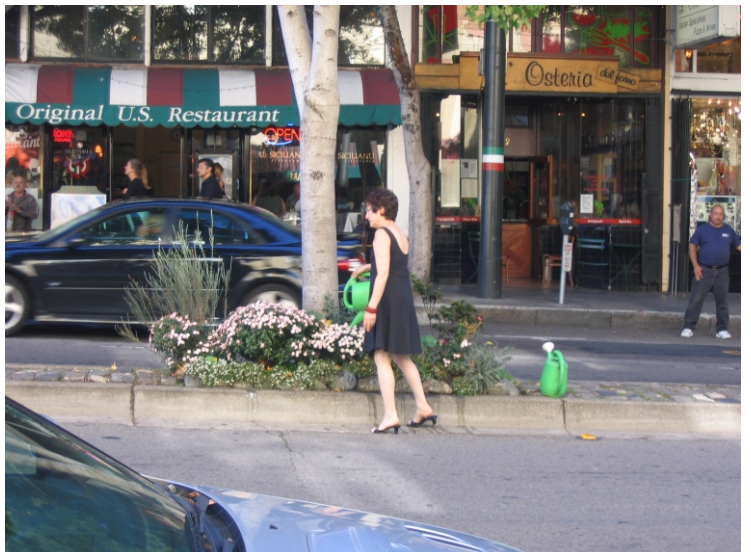




After a great dim sum lunch in a restaurant down a tiny alley, we stopped at the Golden Gate Fortune Cookie factory



The Great China Herb Co. was interesting.



When you live in the city,
you garden where you can!

October 23, 2007

We visited the Internet Archive, located on the Presidio of San Francisco, where Alexis is the Project Leader of the Open Library project. A few days earlier, the Archive hosted a conference for over 100 librarians from around the country who learned more about the Open Library project. Alexis gave us a demonstration of the library of the future.



Open Library



This is a prototype library of the future that has access to millions of books, videos and audio items from thousands of libraries worldwide. This library fits in a small room but still can house music, videos, one of a kind or popular books, and a librarian. It has download capabilities for patrons with music players, e-books, audio books and storage devices, and a Print on Demand machine that can print and bind a book in ten minutes.

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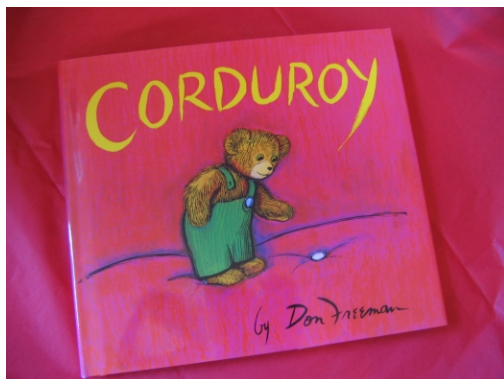
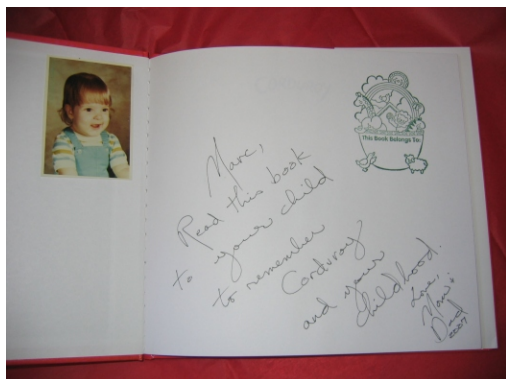


November 6, 2007
We celebrated Amanda's
three-month sonogram
with gifts for the
expecting parents



November 11, 2007 - After 26 years, the Rossi family
has retired from the retail piano business





**November 17, 2007
Celebrating Marc's
38th birthday**



**November 22, 2007
Thanksgiving was also
our 39th anniversary**





**November 22, 2007
Libby & Tom Bevans
celebrated Thanksgiving
with the Rossi family**





November 23, 2007
Baking Christmas cookies
and decorating for the holidays.



Cool clothes for
the Rossi baby



November 25, 2007
Rehearsing Christmas carols
and putting up outdoor lights



December 14, 2007
Sing-Along party
with Gary's
co-workers





**December 16, 2007
Ivy, Linda, Marc and
Amanda came over
for dinner and some
early Christmas gifts**



**Amanda is
18 weeks pregnant**

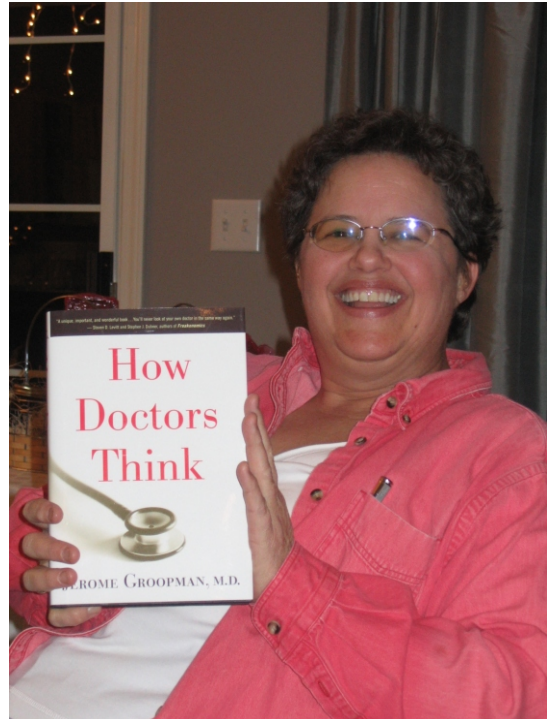




We all loved our Christmas gifts



**Dr. Ivy Darden discovers
"How Doctors Think"**



December 21, 2007

**Alexis opened, then sampled
the Esther Price chocolates sent
to us by Janet and Dean Rossi**

**Preparations for the
Rossi Family Christmas
Sing Along Party**

**Alexis & Don Gaede
rehearsing their songs**



**Marc tuned up
our bikes**



**Ivy Darden and
Linda Arredondo
baked all
the desserts**





Guests enjoyed the party buffet

Krissie Borofka played the saxophone



Baby Declan watched big brother Atticus Seng play a duet with Gary



Party guests singing Christmas songs



**Rich Berrett tells the O'Henry story
"The Gift of the Magi"**



**Sharon & Alexis entertaining the crowd
with their rendition of "Santa Baby"**



**Alexis & Don sang a duet on
"Baby It's Cold Outside"**





As a finale, Gary & Rich led the guests through a hysterical version of The 12 Days of Christmas, complete with silly hand gestures for each day!

“A partridge in a pear tree ... “

“Four calling birds ... “



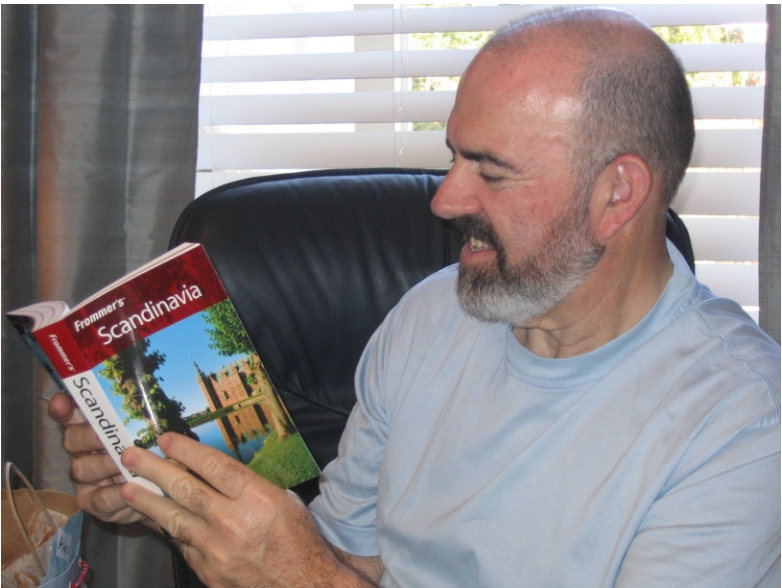
“Three french hens ... “

“Five golden rings ...





December 25, 2007
Gary, Sharon, Alexis,
Marc and Amanda
on Christmas





Gifts for everyone including Baby Rossi

Alexis brought a special Christmas treat, a Sacripantina cake from Stella Bakery in San Francisco



**December 26, 2007
Sharon in her
garden**



**Alexis singing
with Gary's quartet
at Sequoia Brewing
Company**



**December 31, 2007
Cycling in Pebble Beach and celebrating
New Year's Eve at
Monterey's First
Night Celebration
with Denise and
Sal Sciandra**



January 1, 2008
We drove down Highway 1 from Carmel to Cambria on a warm and beautiful New Year's Day



Elephant seals on the beach at San Simeon



Eating apple pie at Linn's in Cambria